



**Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation**

**NOTICE OF CHANGE TO  
DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS MANUAL**

**Registered Domestic Partners  
Chapters 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10**

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The purpose of this Department Operations Manual (DOM) is to ensure compliance with Assembly Bill 205, which amends the Family Code to include Section 297.5(a) that gives Registered Domestic Partners the same rights, protections, and benefits that are granted to spouses. These revisions are incorporated into the DOM to implement the statute and provide clarification to the references and definitions of immediate family member(s) and spouse(s), as these references and definitions now include Registered Domestic Partner(s).

The regulations to implement this statute have been approved by the Office of Administrative Law and were announced in Notice of Change to Regulation 07-04.

These revisions only apply to registered domestic partners of inmates who are not incarcerated and who live in the community, and whose relationship was established prior to the inmate's incarceration. Family visits between two inmates who are Registered Domestic Partners would not be permitted in the same way that married couples that are also incarcerated would be prohibited.

Please inform all persons concerned of the contents of this notice, which shall be maintained and the information contained in this document utilized until it is incorporated into the next updated DOM. Please direct any inquiries to Timothy Lockwood, Chief, Regulation and Policy Management Branch, at (916) 341-7390.

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